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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please insert on Page 1 as the first sentence of the application the following: ✓

A - - This application is the National Phase filing of International
Patent Application No. PCT/JP00/04034, filed June 21, 2000. - -

On Page 29, line 15,

please delete "benzindazolyl" and substitute -benzimidazolyl- - therefor.

REMARKS

The specification is amended above to insert a reference to related cases.

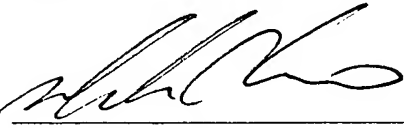
A typographical error is corrected on page 29.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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